

NEBRASKA NEWS.

Some new cases of smallpox have developed at Table Rock.

The Bennett camp meeting is being conducted at this writing with good attendance.

Hon. R. D. Stearns of Lincoln and Prof. E. B. Sherman of Fremont had a narrow escape from drowning. They were on a fishing excursion and Stearns, in an attempt to spear a fish, capsize the boat, leaving them floundering in the water of the lake. They reached the shore with great difficulty.

At the meeting of the Syracuse school board the levy for all purposes was reduced from 17 mills to 15, and the usual nine months' school re-commenced. The school bond that became due this fall were ordered to be refunded for the shortest possible time and that the levy of a sufficient tax by the county commissioners must be made to make the payment when due. The bonds now almost due amount to \$10,000.

Two accidents occurred in Stanton county Sunday. Martin Hartman, a young man of Bega, was thrown from a horse he was riding and badly injured. He lay unconscious for half an hour, but will recover. Frank Shehan of Stanton, a boy of 14, had his face and eyes badly burned by a flash of powder ignited by some other boys and himself. It is thought that his sight has not been destroyed and that he will recover.

The careless handling of a 22-caliber rifle came near ending the life of a ten-year-old boy named Leonard Puslin, living two miles northeast of Denton. An older brother was using the gun when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking the boy in the left side of the head knocking him senseless. Examination by a physician showed that the skull was not cracked, but a severe scalp wound resulted. He will recover.

Does the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad Construction company owe the county of Dawes \$5,300 in back taxes? Is a question which is under consideration by County Attorney Fanning and the Board of County Commissioners. General Towns- side Agent Whitney of the towns- side company says that the railroad company owes no such amount, but the treasurer's record shows an item of \$5,300 tax on construction material to have been delinquent since 1886, since it has never been canceled.

During the progress of the funeral of Alice Lewis at Eagle lightning struck a tree in the graveyard within four or five feet of the grave. Friends of the deceased had not alighted from the carriages owing to the heavy rain or very likely someone would have been killed. The bolt struck the tree, tearing the bark off, and scattering it in all directions and tearing a hole in the ground about two feet deep and a foot wide.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wintersteen of Fremont celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary by holding a family gathering at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Shiveley, on Military avenue. Six of their eight children living and a large number of grandchildren and one great grandchild were present. Their descendants number over seventy. Mr. Wintersteen was born in Ohio in 1821, and for the past twenty-five years has been a resident of Nebraska. He enlisted in a Kentucky regiment in the Mexican war, but as the regiment was ordered to disband on account of peace being declared, he was not mustered into the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Exeter last week celebrated their golden wedding. Telegrams and letters were read from numerous friends who were unable to be present. Toasts were proposed and responded to in a happy vein by friends from this and other states, some of the speakers having been present when Mr. and Mrs. Lee were married fifty years ago; also on the occasion of their silver wedding twenty-five years ago. The program being interspersed by music, vocal and instrumental. It was after 12 o'clock before the happy company adjourned. Mr. and Mrs. Lee believe in the scriptural injunction that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and reversed the usual order by giving each child and each grandchild, all of whom were present, a handsome present in gold.

Another purchase of real estate was made last week by the state through the board of public lands and buildings. This was the property which has been occupied by the state as a branch soldiers' and sailors' home at Milford for several years. The owners, G. M. Walsh and C. L. Smith of Lincoln and Fred S. Johnson of Milford, have been for several weeks holding out to have the board pay them the whole amount appropriated by the legislature, \$13,500. The board contended that there should be either a repairing and painting of the buildings or the amount this would cost should be deducted from the appropriation. An offer was finally made by the board of \$13,000 cash, and this was accepted. The property includes the old sanitarium building and thirty five acres of land.

Thomas Criger, charged with forging the name of G. H. Bassett of Undulla to a check for \$25, and securing the money at the Dunbar bank, was bound over to the district court by the county judge.

One of the heaviest rains that has visited Custer county for several years occurred last week. In places there were cloudbursts. One party lost ten head of horses and fifty head of logs by not being able to get them out of the barns in time to save them from drowning. Several spans of the railroad bridge were washed out, and citizens were temporarily shut out from the outside world.

STRENGTH OF THE FIRST

Many Speculations Concerning Nebraska's Volunteer Regiment.

NO OFFICIAL REPORT SINCE APRIL.

It is supposed that the Regiment Now Contains Something Over Nine Hundred Men—Quite a Number Discharged.

Now that the early return of the First regiment is practically assured, says a Lincoln correspondent of the Omaha Bee, there is considerable discussion as to how many Nebraska soldiers there are in the Philippine islands and whether they will all return in a body. Excepting those who have been given commissions in other regiments all Nebraska troops will return together, including those who have been detailed on the commanding officers' staffs and on other special duty. As the May report of the regiment had not been received by the adjutant general it is difficult to determine how many enlisted men and officers there are. The last report, dated April 20 and signed by Colonel Stotsenberg, shows the aggregate number of enlisted men and commissioned officers, present and absent at that time, as being 957. Since that report was made out quite a number have been killed and many have been discharged from service. No official record of casualties since April 20 has been kept and the adjutant general is unable to state officially how many have been killed or discharged since that time. Including fourteen sick and three detailed on special duty there were forty-one commissioned officers present when the report was made. Including those under arrest, sick either in company quarters or in the hospital, there are 931 enlisted men. There were absent from the regiment fourteen enlisted men and two commissioned officers.

The First Nebraska left the United States with 1,052 enlisted men and officers. At that time the companies were recruited up to their full authorized strength of eighty-four men each. After the law increasing the strength of volunteer companies up to 129, including the officers, was passed, 300 recruits were sent to Manila, bringing the total strength of the regiment up to 1,326. Quite a number of the Nebraska troops were discharged during the latter part of last year and the report of Colonel Stotsenberg for the month of January shows an aggregate of 1,039 enlisted men and officers present and equipped for duty. The report of the next month shows a falling off of four men and the March report shows but 1,018 present for duty. The April report quoted above shows the total present for duty, including those sick in quarters, as being 957.

School Statistics.

Blanks for the annual reports of the county superintendents of schools have been sent out by Deputy Superintendent Beck. These reports when returned will show the actual conditions of all schools in the state and from them the school statistics will be compiled. Under the head of "General Statistics" are blanks to be filled in, showing whether any improvements have been made or new school houses constructed, the number of districts in the county, the number of teachers employed and teachers examined for certificates, the financial condition of the different schools and other important information. The reports will also contain a statement of the graded, high school and private schools, giving the number of teachers employed, the enrollment, name of director and principal of each one. Under the heads of receipts and expenditures are blanks for twenty-one entries, all of which must be filled in for each school. The indebtedness of each district, the value of district property, enrollment, length of terms, averages of attendance and the wages earned by all teachers for the year, whether paid or not, are also included. The reports are about two yards in length and two feet wide and contain 135 district headings.

Relic of the Maine.

Lincoln dispatch: Ex-Governor Holcomb was displaying an elegantly-turned candlestick made from materials taken from the United States battleship Maine at the state house today, the gift of A. W. Massey of the navy. The letter accompanying the relic explains from which the different parts were made:

NEW YORK, June 26, 1899.—Silas A. Holcomb: The candlestick accompanying this was made of materials taken from the United States battleship Maine, which was blown up in Havana harbor February 15, 1898. The base is made of a piece of live oak armor backing; the shaft is a piece of mahogany door taken from the officers' quarters; the handle is a piece of German silver wire taken from the electric plant and the cap is an awning brass eyelet which was among her stores. Respectfully presented by A. W. MASSEY, U. S. A.

The gift was presented through Labor Commissioner Kent, a relative of the navy officer. Ex-Governor Holcomb had considerable business with him while he was the chief executive of the state. Mr. Massey is connected with the construction department of the navy.

Rev. R. W. Oliver, for many years rector of the Episcopal church at Kearney, died at the Episcopal hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., after a lingering illness. His remains will be shipped to Kearney for burial.

The canning factory west of Kearney was struck by lightning, its roof was blown off and across the Union Pacific tracks. On its way across the tracks it cut off all the telegraph wires. Several buildings in Kearney were partially unroofed and a great number of trees blown down.

At Sutton, while a company of small boys were at play in the City park, Ferdinand, the youngest son of Christian Englehardt, fell from a high trapeze swing which had been put up by some of the larger boys, and sustained severe injuries, the left arm being broken between the elbow and wrist and body otherwise bruised.

Working for Pardon for Bollin.

The friends of Henry Bollin, the convicted ex-cyber of Omaha, who is now serving a nineteen-year term in the state penitentiary for embezzlement, says a Lincoln dispatch, have appealed to Governor Poynter to reduce the sentence imposed upon him to five years. A brief petition signed by about 2,000 resident taxpayers of Douglas county, including nine members of the jury before which Bollin was tried, Judges Wakeley and Ferguson, Prosecuting Attorney Wakeley and his assistant, ex-Governor James E. Boyd, all the county commissioners of Douglas county and nearly all the present city and county officials, was filed with the governor this afternoon by J. T. Evans of Omaha, Judge Baker, in whose court Bollin was tried, did not sign the petition, but it is understood that he will support the movement to have the sentence reduced. The petition presented to the governor is as follows:

"We, the undersigned jurors and residents of the state of Nebraska, would very respectfully request that the sentence of Henry Bollin for embezzlement in the penitentiary of the state of Nebraska for four, five and ten years be commuted to a sentence of five years. We ask this on account of his family, on account of this man's previous history and for the reasons that we believe that justice has already been subserved."

Governor Poynter has taken the matter under advisement, but of course will not soon decide whether to grant the request. The laws of the state make it necessary to advertise petitions on at least two weeks before any action can be taken by the governor. The Bollin petition will be duly advertised in Omaha and a date set by the governor for a hearing of those who desire to appear in support of the appeal.

The petition is as strongly endorsed as any similar paper ever filed with the governor, and contains the names of Omaha's most prominent and respected citizens. Mr. Evans stated this morning that he was confident Governor Poynter could be induced to grant the request. He said very few people had declined to sign the petition, which is divided into ten sections or lists. These single petitions have been circulated quietly in Omaha and Douglas county for several months, but until now no one had approached the governor on the subject.

Henry Bollin was sentenced by Judge Baker in May, 1896, to serve three terms in the state penitentiary, one for four years, one for five and one for ten. The first term of four years will not expire until May, 1901.

State Notes.

Fred Holington, general appraiser for the government, has been in the city several days, says a Sidney dispatch, getting ready to appraise the old Fort Sidney reservation. He has appointed William Moore and William Stult assistants. The plan is to sell the buildings first and the balance in forty-acre tracts. The Burlington & Missouri railroad has secured twenty acres for depot purposes.

Washington dispatch: The postoffice at Osceola, Neb., has been moved to the building owned by C. M. Pulver, at rent of \$175 per year, and the postoffice at Sturgis, S. D., has been moved to the building controlled by the Benevolent Hall association. The Indian office today completed plans for rebuilding the school building at the Winnebago agency, Nebraska, which was burned some time ago.

August Benson, who lived in Dawes county on a farm for several years until a month ago, was brought to Chadron from Fremont by Sheriff Dargan. He is under arrest charged with shooting the horses of Everett and Curtis Jackson, who were his neighbors when he resided in Dawes county. His preliminary trial will be held as soon as Everett Jackson, the complaining witness, arrives from Wyoming.

There is considerable feeling in Columbus over the alleged attempt of men of Neligh to push Roland Anderson into first place for the appointment of military cadet to West Point from that congressional district. The honor was won by W. N. Heneley, jr., of Columbus, and was so decided by the authoritative board at the examination in Norfolk. It promises to be a warmly contested affair, but as a large majority of the board are with Hensley his friends are confident that he will win.

The board of public lands and buildings met last week and considered minor matters, but took no action on the purchase of the building used at Milford for a soldiers' home. The lease contract under which the state has been renting the home expires soon. One or two members of the board are still holding off in the matter of the purchase because they do not believe the property is worth the full amount of the appropriation, \$13,500. One member says he is not certain that one spring near the home is on the land which the state will get if it buys.

Sheriff W. D. Wheeler of Cass county, who resides near Murray, on what is known as the Dan H. Wheeler farm, was in Plattsmouth and stated that his barn and the contents were totally consumed by fire. In the barn at the time were five mules, three horses, seven sets of harness, a new buggy, two wagons, twenty tons of hay and his greyhound. Circumstances all go to show that the barbarous deed of killing the faithful dog and starting the fire which roasted the dumb animals was the work of an incendiary, who by committing some crime had fallen into the hands of the law, and the wrong was done to spite the sheriff for performing his duty.

Grant Smith, a renter upon the farm of Riley S. Hart, about three miles northwest of Lyons, was a loser of one of his best driving horses by theft. The same person or persons also took a new saddle and bridle.

Charles W. Smith of North Bend has been sued for \$1,000 for slander. The suit was begun last week in the district court by Reuben Collins, also of North Bend. The defendant, in his petition, claims that he was accused of stealing some hay belonging to the plaintiff and H. I. Adams, and that Smith sent him a letter demanding \$50, threatening to expose and prosecute him if it was not paid.

The News Briefly Told.

Saturday.

The North American Saengerbund today decided to hold its next saengerfest at Buffalo in 1901.

The president appointed Louis A. Knackstedt of Colorado to be agent of the Southern Ute Indians.

The French chamber of deputies passed a resolution to allow duly authorized women to practice at the bar.

The navy department awarded the contract for the Mare Island dry dock to the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific company at \$729,000.

Herr Christopher Ravn, the vice consul of Sweden and Norway at New York, has been promoted to the rank of consul general.

General Brooke, at Havana, reported the death at Santiago of Private Daniel S. Beck of Company M, Fifth Infantry, of yellow fever, June 23.

Captain James A. Simpson, U. S. A., died at Prescott, A. T., after a short illness. He went through many Indian campaigns in Arizona with General Crook.

A semi-official note has been issued declaring that there is no ground for rumors of dispute between the English and French squadrons in Newfoundland waters.

Leaders in the movement to organize the street railway employes of Brooklyn assert that if the Rapid Transit does not accede to the demands of the men a strike on the entire system will be inaugurated tomorrow.

A report summarizing the yellow fever situation in Santiago, up to the 20th inst., has been received by the surgeon general of the marine hospital service. It states that up to that time during the present season there had been thirty-five cases and eleven deaths, all but four of which were among American soldiers.

Governor Lind received from Lieutenant Colonel Friedrich at Manila a cablegram stating that the effective strength of the Thirteenth Minnesota volunteers was now 940. Of the total membership 150 were sick, but not seriously. The regiment was doing outpost duty on the railroad. There is no definite information there about its return.

Friday.

The prohibition upon the importation of horses from Turkey has been removed.

In Milwaukee Jack Hammond of Detroit fought Bud Douglas of St. Louis six rounds to a draw.

Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$279,151,468; gold reserve, \$233,149,487.

The United States cruiser Boston, the first of the Asiatic squadron to return to San Francisco, is expected to arrive there within ten days.

Three carloads of Christian Endeavorers left San Francisco over the Southern Pacific route for Detroit, where the convention of Endeavorers takes place.

Louis Bush of 129 West Twelfth street, New York, is confined in jail at Detroit on suspicion of smuggling from Canada \$20,000 worth of diamonds, which he had in his possession.

United States Marshal Shoup of Alaska will investigate the death of the passengers of the steamer Jessie, to discover whether they perished in the wreck of their vessel or whether they were massacred by the Alaskan Indians one year ago on the Kuskokim river.

The British first-class cruiser Indefatigable, one of the finest cruisers of the North American squadron, will leave Halifax July 5 for Newfoundland. It is no doubt the intention of the naval authorities to attach it to the fleet performing fishery protection service on that coast.

The Rome correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: In consequence of his exertions during the recent religious ceremonies the pope is now suffering great prostration, together with a slight attack of fever. He was confined to his bed today, and some anxiety is felt regarding him.

The search for the murderers of Martin Meier of Chicago, the wealthy Swiss reclusive, has been given up. Detectives who went to New York in an endeavor to apprehend Smith and Brauer, the two men suspected of the crime, telegraphed that they had traced them to a sailing vessel, which had departed for Central America.

Queens hall, London, was crowded this evening at a public meeting called by the political section of the International Council of Women in support of the political enfranchisement of women. The feature of the evening was a striking speech by Miss Susan B. Anthony of the United States delegation.

Thursday.

The wages of the employes of the Ohio River railway were increased 10 per cent.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the First National bank of Rock Valley, Ia., to begin business with a capital of \$50,000. John J. Large is the cashier.

Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn leaves on a tour of inspection of the Fox river (Wis.) engineering work on July 20 and will return to his desk about July 20.

The Pall Mall Gazette says it has discovered in London two members of the Clan-na-gael from the United States who are enroute to the Transvaal and trying to enlist money and men in support of the Boers.

Dr. B. F. Keiruff has been appointed a pension examining surgeon at Marshalltown, Ia.

Rural free delivery service will be established at Ottumwa and Mediapolis, Ia., with one carrier each, to take effect July 5.

The reported combination of the coal companies of the Pittsburg district was confirmed today by John H. Jones, one of the most prominent coal operators in that region. "There is no question that the scheme will be consummated," said Mr. Jones, "and the new company will take charge at once."

CARPENTERS CAUSE DELAY.

Belief that Hall Will Be Ready for the Great Chorus by Evening.

CINCINNATI, June 30.—The postponement of the opening of the golden jubilee saengerfest of the North American Saengerbund from last night until tonight caused much disappointment, but it has not detracted from the interest in the great musical event. Although there are still some skeptics, yet there is no longer any reasonable doubt about the great hall being ready for tonight and for the great concerts on Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings. The moving of the programs along, each twenty-four hours later than originally announced, will cause the great Volksfest at the Zoological Gardens to be held on Sunday instead of Saturday.

The local committee did not begin to construct the big hall till all the money was secured, and afterward it was compelled to make such changes as to have it cost over \$70,000 instead of \$40,000, as estimated. There was also a strike of the carpenters. But the local committee depended on the architect and contractor keeping their promise. The supervising architect was prostrated in his efforts and the contractor had had his troubles, but the chorus of hammers will now give way to that of an orchestra of 130 pieces, with a mass chorus of 4,000, and the noted soloists. There were additional arrivals this morning, with usual ceremonies, the same as yesterday. The usual rehearsals continue through the remaining days so that the singers are kept quite busy from morning till night, and there is very much in the line of jubilee while the crowds are waiting on the carpenters.

While the visitors did the marching yesterday they were the spectators today for a novel street parade gotten up by the press committee, assisted by citizens. This parade was a burlesque on street pageants and was enjoyed more than any other demonstration of the week. The police and fire departments assisted in the burlesque of the usual parts they take in such demonstrations. Joseph A. Miller, publisher of the Ohio Record, the organ of the Ohio brewers, and chairman of the press committee on entertainment, was grand marshal, with a large staff in caricature, representing leading citizens, including the governor, mayor, senators, presidents of railroads, banks and others. Following the burlesque parade there were various joint meetings of musical societies.

Much interest centers in the election of officers tomorrow. There is a very lively contest between Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee and other cities for the meeting of the North American Saengerbund three years hence, with Buffalo so far as favorite.

John Kornstadt, of Harper, Kansas, a 16-year-old boy, has confessed to having murdered his cousin, Nora, the 10-year-old daughter of Tony Kornstadt, a farmer. He first assaulted her and then threw her into an abandoned well, where she was found last Wednesday. She was alive when found, but died an hour later, without recovering consciousness. The youth was taken to Wichita for fear of mob violence.

Tuesday.

The New York Central railway company has acquired by lease the Boston & Albany line.

The firm attitude of Great Britain appears to be having the desired effect in the Transvaal complications.

Former Congressman Smedley Darlington died at his home in Westchester, N. Y., aged seventy-two years.

The town of Hien Kng, Fu, in Fo Kien, China, has been placarded with bills offering a reward of \$1,000 for the heads of missionaries. Antiforeign riots are feared.

One hundred negroes held a meeting at Pana and decided to refuse to re-enter the mine after the departure of the soldiers unless a heavy guard surrounds the mine day and night.

Colonel Edward Moale, Fifteenth infantry, has been assigned to command the department of Puerto Principe, Cuba, relieving Colonel Louis H. Carpenter, Fifth cavalry, who has been ordered to join his regiment.

The Trans-Caspian region of Asiatic Russia, which is under the jurisdiction of the governor-general of the Caucasus, Prince Bariatinski, is threatened with famine, owing to the prolonged drought and the plague of locusts.

It is officially explained the German-American cable contract will go to an English firm, because the firm possess the sole right of granting a franchise for a cable to land in the Azores.

The government of the South African republic according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Rome, is ordering large quantities of rifles from Italian firms for immediate shipment.

A special to the Chicago Times-Herald from Columbus, O., says: In a letter to a Columbus friend, Mayor S. M. Jones, of Toledo, announces himself ready to stand as a candidate of an independent movement for governor.

The Neustadttrich-ten contends that the recognition by the international commissioners of the decision of Chief Justice Chambers regarding the kingship in Samoa does not in the least prejudice the claims of Germans to compensation for losses sustained during the recent disturbances.

The transport St. Paul sailed for St. Michael with 300 soldiers under Col. Ray, who are going north to renew the troops now upon the Yukon. They will be stationed at various points, Colonel Ray making St. Michael his headquarters. A year's supply of provisions and five milch cows were taken on the St. Paul.

Monday.

The leading journals of Berlin praise the work of Von Buelow in acquiring the Caroline islands for Germany.

John W. Stevens, a builder of New York city, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$130,114, and no assets.

A new plan for the organization of a laundry trust is under way, and the laundrymen will meet in Chicago to settle the details.

All the racing stock of the Palo Alto stock farm has been ordered sold by Mrs. Stanford, who has decided to abandon the breeding of runners.

The German ambassador, Dr. von Holleben, called at the state department, and will leave for Berlin on a summer vacation about the middle of next month.

James R. Spaulding, head of the lumber firm of Spaulding & Co., and formerly collector of the port at Chicago, has accepted the presidency of the newly organized Chicago Union Traction company.

Governor Roosevelt has wired President McKinley that in the event of a call for volunteers being made New York is prepared to furnish all the men the government may ask for, and requesting that an opportunity be given New York state to do so.

World's Fair Fund.

ST. LOUIS, June 30.—The world's fair committee of 500 held a meeting at the Mercantile Club tonight when the mayor made an address on the importance of the work. Substantial progress was reported in the raising of \$5,000,000 for the stock of the company, and the figures of William H. Thompson, chairman of the finance committee, indicated that it was within \$600,000 of the total. A subscription of at least this amount is expected from the steam railroad interests and good progress was reported in this detail.